Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1804.

ANNUAL MEETING.

At a Meeting of the Massachusetts Grand Royal Arch Chapter, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, Tuesday, the 18th September, A.L. 5804.

PRESENT:

M.E. BENJAMIN RUSSELL,	High Priest.
E. GILMAN WHITE,	King.
" ABRAHAM PERKINS,	Scribe.
ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Treasurer.
EDW'D HORSMAN,	Secretary *pro tem.*
HENRY PURKETT,	Marshal.
JOHN B. HAMMATT,	Steward.
EDWARD LITTLE,	"
THOMAS REDMAN, Inside Sentinel, *pro tem.*	
ADAM W. THAXTER, Outside Sentinel, *pro tem.*	
M.E. JAMES HARRISON, High Priest, St. Andrew's Chapter.	
E. HENRY FOWLE, King, " " "	
M.E. SAMUEL A. OTIS, High Priest, King Cyrus Chapter.	
E. ANGIER MARCH, King, " " "	

The Committee appointed to act on the communication of John Mitchell of Charleston, S. C., reported progress and had leave to sit again.

Voted, That E. Henry Fowle, Henry Purkett and James Harrison be and they are hereby appointed a Committee, in concert with the Secretary, to procure suitable clothing, jewels, and a seal for the use of this Grand Chapter, and they are hereby empowered to draw upon the Treasurer for such sums of money as may be found necessary to carry this vote into effect, and are strictly enjoined to complete this object previous to the 18th day of the ensuing month, if possible.

On a petition being presented for relief,

Voted, That such petitions does not come within the cognizance of this Grand Chapter, and that they shall not be received in future.

Voted, That M.E. Benjamin Russell, Samuel A. Otis, James Harrison, Henry Fowle and Gilman White be a Committee to attend to and act on the communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island.

The following Companions were duly elected officers for the year ensuing:

M.E. TIMOTHY BIGELOW,	Grand High Priest.
E. BENJAMIN RUSSELL,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. GILMAN WHITE,	Grand King.
" ABM. PERKINS,	Grand Scribe.
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand Treasurer.
" EDWARD HORSMAN,	Grand Secretary.
" EZRA RIPLEY,	Grand Chaplain.
" HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Marshal.
AMOS TAPPAN, "	Grand Steward.
JOHN B. HAMMATT,	" "
WM. LEARNED,	" "
ANDREW FROTHINGHAM,	" "

Jeremiah Folsom, . .	Grand Inside Sentinel.
William Tarbox, . .	Grand Outside Sentinel.

Voted, That a list of the newly elected Officers be published in a Boston and Newburyport paper.

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to communicate to the several Grand Chapters in the Northern States the choice of officers now made, and that he notify the absent members of their election.

Voted, That Companion Gilman White be added to the Committee appointed 17th September, 5799, "to examine the present Constitution and Laws of this Grand Chapter," and they are hereby requested to report at the next annual meeting.

Voted, That the thanks of this Chapter be presented to Companion Thomas Jackson for his services as Grand Secretary the year past.

E. Samuel A. Otis was appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and reported the same correct.

Balance on hand, ...	$85 28

The Secretary's account for $2 67 and the Stewards' account for $6 03 were then approved.

Dues received:

St. Andrew's Chapter, ...	$17 75
King Cyrus Chapter, ...	7 75
	$25 50

Attest,

EDWD. HORSMAN,

Secretary, pro tem.

Note.—The eight first Officers were elected by ballot and the Stewards and Sentinels appointed by the High Priest.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, held at Groton, October 17th and 18th, 5804.

Present:

M.E. Timothy Bigelow, .	High Priest.
Benjamin Russell, . .	Deputy High Priest.
Gilman White, . . .	King.
Jonathan Gage, . . .	Scribe, *pro tem.*
Andrew Sigourney, . .	Treasurer.
Edward Horsman, . .	Secretary.
Ezra Ripley, . . .	Chaplain.
Henry Purkett, . .	Marshal.

Samuel Billings, Royal Arch Captain, *pro tem.*
John B. Hammatt, Captain of Host, *pro tem.*
Henry Fowle, P. S. *pro tem.*
Edmd. Bowman, Grand Master of the Veils.
Samuel Abbot, " " " "
Nathan'l Brown, " " " "
Jona. Page, Steward, *pro tem.*
Elijah Knowles, Steward, *pro tem.*

The Most Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest proposed a form of Ceremonies, which was accepted and is on file.

It was agreed that the installation of St. John's Chapter should take place immediately after St. Paul's Lodge was closed.

Adjourned, until the day following, when, the Grand Chapter having opened in due form, St. John's Chapter informed them that they were ready to receive them. The Grand Chapter then moved in procession to their hall, where they were joined by a number of Blue Lodges, and proceeded to the meeting-house, where St. John's Chapter

was installed in ample form, accompanied with appropriate ceremonies.

On the return of the Grand Chapter to the place of meeting,

Voted, That Companions M.E. Benjamin Russell, M.E. James Harrison and M.E. Henry Fowle be a Committee to draught a suitable diploma to be recommended for the use of the several Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

A true record.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, February 13, 5805.

PRESENT:

M.E. TIMOTHY BIGELOW, . .	High Priest.
" BENJAMIN RUSSELL, . .	Deputy High Priest.
" JAS. HARRISON, . . .	King, *pro tem.*
" SIMON ELIOT, . . .	Scribe, *pro tem.*
E. ANDREW SIGOURNEY, . .	Treasurer.
EDW'D HORSMAN, . . .	Secretary.
HENRY PURKETT, . . .	Marshal.
JOHN B. HAMMATT, . . .	Steward.
WM. LEARNED, ...	"
WM. TOMPKINS, ...	Inside Tyler, *pro tem.*

WM. EATON, ...	Outside Tyler, *pro tem.*
M.E. HENRY FOWLE,	Rept've of St. Andrew's Chapter.
E. SAM'L BILLINGS, "	" " "

King Cyrus and St. John's Chapter were not represented.

The petition of John Coe and others, praying for a Warrant of Constitution, empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the town of Portland, was granted.

The Committee appointed in September last report that they have procured twelve jewels and collars, one breast-plate, two mitres, one crown, a Scribe's cap, four robes, a sword belt, and two trunks and three boxes to contain the above. They also report that there is now wanting a Bible, square and compasses and cushions for the same, three swords and two belts for the Marshal and Tylers, two girdles, a mallet and a seal.

The Accounts of the Grand Treasurer were then examined and found correct.

Balance due the Treasurer, . . . $178 11

Voted, That the Secretary is hereby directed to request the loan of one hundred dollars each from St. Andrews and King Cyrus Royal Arch Chapters.

Voted, That Companions Andrew Sigourney, Benjamin Russell and Henry Fowle be an addition to the Committee appointed 17th September, 5799, and augmented 18th September, 1804, " to examine the present Constitution and

Laws of this Grand Chapter," and they are hereby enjoined to report at the next meeting.

A true record.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

At a Special Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, March 12, 5805.

PRESENT:

M.E. TIMOTHY BIGELOW,	High Priest.
E. SIMON ELLIOT, . .	Deputy High Priest, *pro tem.*
" HENRY FOWLE, . .	King, *pro tem.*
" SAM'L BILLINGS, . .	Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY, .	Treasurer.
EDW'D HORSMAN, . .	Secretary.
Rev. EZRA RIPLEY, . .	Chaplain.
HENRY PURKETT, . .	Marshal.
JOHN B. HAMMATT, . .	Senior Steward.
WM. LEARNED, . . .	Junior Steward.
WM. TOMPKINS, . . .	Tyler.
WM. EATON, . . .	"
THOS. JACKSON, Rep. of St. Andrew's Chapter.	

Voted, That Josiah Knapp and Timo. Whiting be admitted visitors, and they were introduced accordingly.

The Treasurer's account was examined and found correct.

Balance due the Treasurer, . . .	$237 90

The Committee appointed " to examine the present Constitution and Laws of this Grand Chapter " reported a new form, which, after discussion, was laid over to the Annual Meeting.

The Committee appointed in September last to procure suitable clothing, &c., for the use of this Grand Chapter, reported that they had procured a Bible, square and compasses, a mallet, &c., and that the furniture of the Grand Chapter was complete.

An alteration in the form of Charter was adopted.

Voted, That the fees for a Charter in future be seventy-five dollars.

Voted, That the Committee on the communication from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island be and they are hereby enjoined to make report.

Voted, That the Committee appointed to draft a diploma, &c., be authorised to carry the same into full effect.

A true record.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Secretary.